

Promises of God

12. Fellowship



I John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Meaning: Fellowship means partnership, participation, and communication. God promises fellowship to those who walk in the light. Verses 8-10 of our text makes it clear that sin keeps us from walking in the light. Fellowship with God is broken because of sin, but confession restores fellowship. God desires communication with His children, but we miss out when we are in sin.

Application: There is a difference between relationship to God and fellowship with God. Relationship was established the day you became a child of God through salvation. Nothing can break the Father-son relationship. Fellowship is what we should do daily with our Heavenly Father. However, fellowship can be interrupted because of unconfessed sin in our lives. God promises fellowship with His children, but we must walk in the light.

Other Verses for Study: John 14:21, 23; 15:4-7; James 4:8;
I John 1:5-7; Revelation 3:20

1. What does the word "fellowship" mean?

2. What keeps us from having fellowship with God? _____

3. What restores fellowship with God? _____

"Our sense of sin is in proportion to our nearness to God."